



**Waukesha Police Department
Media Release**

**Suspicious Fire
400 blk of Lake St**

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UPDATE:

At 12:39 p.m. members from the Town of Brookfield PD, Waukesha Sheriffs Department and City of Waukesha PD took a person of interest into custody in an attempted homicide incident in the 400 blk of Lake St and another incident in the Village of Waukesha. No officers or suspect were injured. This is still an active investigation as we compile witness statements and physical evidence that is vetted and verified, we have no further details at this time. We will not be releasing the name or confirm the identity of the suspect until he is formally charged.

There is no longer a threat to the community as the sole suspect is in custody. We are very grateful to the collaborative effort with the Waukesha Sheriffs Department, the School District of Waukesha, both the City of Waukesha and Waukesha County Dispatch centers and the Waukesha Fire Department for this collaborative effort to get the suspect into custody.

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On Wednesday September 2, 2020 at approximately 8:47 am, the Waukesha Fire Department and the Waukesha Police Department responded to the 400 blk of Lake St for the report of a female that was set on fire. Upon arrival, the City of Waukesha Fire Department immediately provided advanced care and quickly transported the victim to an area burn center.

On scene investigators were able to speak with witnesses that described this unprovoked attack and provided limited description of a white male suspect. A short time later we were notified of a suspicious fire in the Village of Waukesha. We have investigators working alongside the Waukesha Sheriffs Department to see if there is a linkage to these fire scenes.

In an abundance of caution, after consulting with the school district they went on "LOCK-OUT". This means the school goes on as normal, except for a control of ingress and egress of the buildings.

This is still an active scene. We are trying to identify and locate the suspect. As soon as we are confident in a suspect and anything else that has been vetted and verified as to not jump to a conclusion we will ask the public for assistance.

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